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Dear Students, Staff and Families,

As winter approaches I want to remind everyone of the district procedures regarding the cancellation of school, delayed openings, and/or early closings.

NO SCHOOL OR DELAYED SCHOOL OPENING PROCEDURES

Announcements will be broadcast through Parent Square, the District website, and the television stations listed below. If possible, these announcements will be broadcast beginning at 5:30 AM. Please do not call the schools, M&J Bus Company, or the TV stations, as it ties up telephone lines that may be needed for emergencies. While Parent Square is a reliable option, you may also want to sign up for Early Warning Text/Email Alerts at one of the stations listed below.

Television Stations

FOX 61 (WTIC)
Channel 3 (WFSB)
Channel 8 (WTNH)
Channel 30 (WVIT)

The schedule for a **2-hour delayed opening** of school is as follows:

School	Start Time	End Time
PreK / Early Childhood Program – AM	Canceled	Canceled
PreK / Early Childhood Program – PM	12:40 PM	3:10 PM
Colchester Elementary School – Grades K-2 & School Day Pre-K	10:35 AM	3:15 PM
Jack Jackter Intermediate School – Grades 3-5	10:35 AM	3:15 PM
William J. Johnston Middle School – Grades 6-8	9:18 AM	2:00 PM
Bacon Academy – Grades 9-12	9:35 AM	2:15 PM

EARLY CLOSING PROCEDURE

A decision to close school early due to inclement weather and rapidly changing weather conditions will generally be announced by 9:00AM on Parent Square and through the TV stations listed above. When schools are dismissed early, the following will also be canceled: PM Pre-K, all afternoon Early Childhood Program classes, extracurricular activities, and after-school community activities.

The schedule for an **early closing** is detailed below:

School	Start Time	End Time
PreK / Early Childhood Program – AM	8:35 AM	10:10 AM
PreK / Early Childhood Program – PM	10:30 AM	12:05 PM
Colchester Elementary School – Grades K-2 & School Day Pre-K	8:35 AM	12:05 PM
Jack Jackter Intermediate School – Grades 3-5	8:35 AM	12:05 PM
William J. Johnston Middle School – Grades 6-8	7:18 AM	10:50 AM
Bacon Academy – Grades 9-12	7:35 AM	11:05 AM

Unfortunately, many of the storms that impact our part of the state can have vastly different outcomes based upon one or two degrees. At the same time, we recognize the importance of making a decision early enough to notify staff, families and the bus company. With that in mind, please know that every decision to close school or delay the start of school is made in the interest of safety of students and staff with the forecast available to us at that time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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